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DEPUTIES' MEETING

Friday, 18 October 1957

PRESENT: Mr. Dulles, General Cabell, Mr. Amory, Mr. Wisner,  
Col. White, Messrs. Kirkpatrick, [REDACTED]  
Sheldon, [REDACTED]

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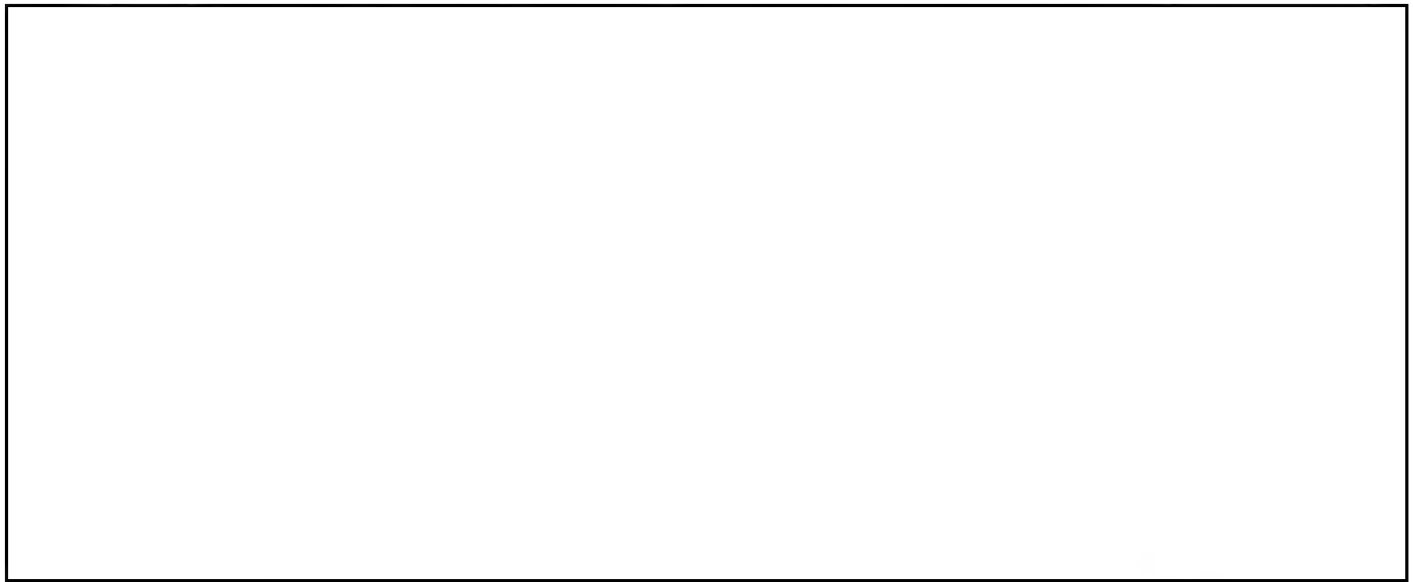
Mr. Dulles:

a) Referred to a letter he had just received from Mr. Hugh Cumming furnishing details of the State Department reorganization of its intelligence offices. He noted that Mr. Cumming's office was established as a Bureau and that Mr. Cumming, as Director of the Bureau of Intelligence, was given the rank of an Assistant Secretary of State. The Director handed this letter to Mr. Amory and asked that he prepare an appropriate reply for the Director's signature.

b) Referred to a letter he had just received from Mr. Brundage, Director of the Bureau of the Budget, in which Mr. Brundage advised that the CIA Budget for FY 58 had been approved. In the same letter, however, Mr. Brundage expressed the hope that, in line with the President's desires, it would be possible for us to actually keep our obligations below the amount approved in our budget. This letter was given to Colonel White who observed that he did not believe a reply was necessary to this particular letter but that he was currently working on the CIA budget for the next five years and that the Bureau of the Budget had instructed us to plan for these years at about the same level as our 1957 budget.

c) Referred to a delay which had occurred in obtaining Bureau of the Budget approval for a release from the reserve of an amount necessary to support certain activities in connection with the forthcoming [REDACTED] He noted 25X1 that the project had been approved by the NSC 5412 Committee and that there should have been no problem in having the Bureau of the Budget release funds for this purpose. He stated that in the future in cases of this type he wished to have a substantive official work with the Comptroller, accompanying the Comptroller to the Bureau of the Budget where necessary, in order to present our case adequately to the Budget people. The Director then designated Mr. [REDACTED] as the substantive representative from the DD/P who will work with Mr. Saunders henceforth in all projects which are approved by the NSC 5412 Committee.

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e) Referred to an ELINT problem [redacted] and asked if Mr. Wisner had talked to [redacted] on this problem. Mr. Wisner advised that he had not personally talked to [redacted] but believed that perhaps Mr. [redacted] had talked to him and that he would check into the matter.

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Mr. Wisner:

a) Referred to the recent NEWSWEEK article on the Philippine elections in which Vice Presidential candidate Jose Laurel, Jr. is spoken of in derogatory terms. He commented that [redacted] the Embassy [redacted] advised Washington that this article is quite sensational in the Philippines and it is their estimate that it will definitely have an impact on the forthcoming elections. It is predicted that it will seriously damage Laurel Jr's. chances of being elected. Mr. Wisner also referred to a letter which Amb. Myron Cowen had received from [redacted] and forwarded to the DCI. This letter purported

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25X1 to contain the results of consolidated pre-election poles which reflected that Jose Yulo was running ahead of Garcia and Manahan. He said he is checking [ ] on this and will advise the DCI of their reply.

25X1 b) Mentioned a previous discussion concerning the desirability of placing time indicators on messages from the field indicating the time of preparation or dispatch. In the ensuing discussions it was generally agreed that the time to be entered on the message was the time of the author's writing the message and sending it to the code room for coding and dispatch. Further, it was agreed that it was not necessary to enter "Z" time but rather that local time at the Station should be used. In a further discussion on handling of messages upon their arrival at headquarters Col. White observed that there is presently under consideration a management study on the advisability of combining the Signal Center and the Cable Secretariat. He stated that in the near future he and Mr. [ ] will make recommendations to the DCI as a result of this study.

25X1 Mr. [ ]

25X1 a) Referred to a message which had been discussed at a previous Deputies' Meeting concerning Turkish plans for overflights of Syria in connection with forthcoming routine military exercises. He said that in order to avoid any possible incidents the State Department has now sent a message [ ] 25X1 [ ] to the Ambassador requesting that he volunteer to lend the Turkish government U.S. photographic information on the areas of proposed overflight if the Turks will cancel their overflight plans. Mr. Amory stated he felt strongly that the U.S. should make very clear to Menderes that there should be no attack by the Turks on Syria. He expressed the belief that the Turks may in fact be misinterpreting U.S. intentions in this respect and that therefore the U.S. should reiterate in the most emphatic possible terms that Turkey should not initiate any hostilities against Syria.

b) Stated he had recently had a meeting with Mr. Macy of the Budget Bureau on the subject of evaluation of Agency programs. He noted that he had taken the view that we were willing to engage in some evaluation of programs along the lines of their request on a small scale basis, but that we were opposed to any large scale separate program analysis as we felt that our present procedures include all of the evaluation and analysis necessary and desirable.

Col. White remarked that the Budget Bureau is always attempting to push a program of evaluation and analysis of all Agency activities and that we should continue to resist pressures put upon us by the Bureau to set up evaluation programs for the sake of having evaluation programs.

Mr. Kirkpatrick:

a) Stated that the Killian Committee had requested all of the hard facts which we can produce pertaining to the Soviet Air Force in order that they might discuss this information with the President the following Monday.

b) Noted that [ ] had sent instructions to our emergency communications operator in [ ] that he was to leave [ ] in view of the fact that the State Department has withdrawn his diplomatic passport. He advised that [ ] is planning to replace this man with another communications man now stationed elsewhere in Europe to whom the State Department will agree to issue a diplomatic passport.

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